BUT I WASN'T ABOUT TO SIT THERE AND LET IT DO ME IN. NOPE, NOT ME!
YOU KNOW HOW THEY SAY IT'S LIKE SPARKS SHOOTING OUT FROM THE BACK OF YOUR EYES, RIGHT?
THE THING SENDS ME FLYING, AND I'M LYING THERE, AND IT HURTS SO BAD, I START THINKING I'M A GONER FOR SURE!
AND THEN,
TOM'S KITCEN
FLEUR 9 ETERNAL LOVE
UH... SAY, MAX!?
Ha Ha Ha
SO I MAKE UP MY MIND RIGHT THEN AND THERE, AND PUT EVERYTHING I HAVE LEFT INTO MY FINAL ATTACK
KABAM!
One shot, and that was it!
Sigh
YEAH, YEAH WE'RE ALL REAL JEALOUS OF YA
THAT REMINDS ME.
SQUEAK
キュ
SQUEAK
YOU THINK I COULD FARK MYSELF IN BED FOR A MONTH AND SLEEP ALL DAY WHEN I COULD BE ENJOYING THE PRIME OF MY YOUTH?! I'M ALL BETTER NOW!
HUH? AW, FSSHT
If you say so
Na ha ha!
And yet, you're bouncing around...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ON BED REST FOR A MONTH UNTIL YOUR INJURIES WERE HEALED
Flip

Y'KNOW, I'VE BEEN MEANIN' TO BRING THAT UP... Y'ALL WOULDN'T MIND TOO MUCH IF I PAID YOU IN INFORMATION, WOULD YA?
I MEAN I AIN'T GOT NO MONEY!
You don't mean!?
Huh?
SEEING HOW WE CARRIED OUT OUR END OF THE CONTRACT...
WHEN MIGHT WE EXPECT TO SEE A RETURN FOR OUR EFFORTS?
SMIRK
nyerk nyerk nyerk
Details, man, details!
THEY CAN'T BE MAKIN' MUCH OF A LIVING AROUND HERE. I MEAN, YOU EVER SEE ANY CUSTOMERS DROP BY?
COME ON, GUY... THINK ABOUT IT.
ER... I DIDN'T REALLY EXPECT NOBODY TO ACTUALLY KILL THE SUCKER, IS WHAT I'M TRYIN' TO SAY
Ahem
FOUR
FOUR
THE THING IS, PUTTIN' OUT WORD THAT I NEEDED AN ARMS-USER WAS KIND OF A HALF-COCKED WAY TO REDIRECT MY FRUSTRATIONS SOMEWHERE SO
I FEEL REAL BAD ABOUT IT, DON'T GET ME WRONG, BUT DON'T LOOK SO GLUM JUST YET
'Specially you, four-eyes
clatter
NOT LIKE YOU REALLY DID ANYTHING TO HELP, ANYWAY
You oughta be ashamed of yourself!
Same ol' sing and dance when it comes to money. Jeezy, grown-ups these days
It was a whim!? All that work for NOTHING!!?
KA-CHANG

I ONLY GOT IT THROUGH WORD'A MOUTH, OF COURSE,
HOW DID YOU...!?
GOT A LITTLE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT "LAND OF GREEN AND SPLENDOR" YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR.
MONEY CAN'T BUY WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YA.
BUT I THINK YOU'LL FIND A USE FOR IT ALL THE SAME.

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
GLOP
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
Kh...
Plink
Plop
THAT-A WAY, HUH...
A BREEZE...?
hiss
rustle

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pant
!
pant
!
pant

IT'S TEEMING WITH PLANT LIFE... A SURE SIGN OF THE GUARDIANS' BLESSING.
THIS IS IT... THE REAL THING...
NEVER THOUGHT IT'D BE IN THE SHAPE OF A PLATE OF ALL THINGS, BUT...
I KNEW I COULDN'T BE WRONG.
IAGO SNATCHED THAT THING LIKE A MAN POSSESSED,
AND MADE HIS WAY HOME AS FAST AS HE COULD.
AND THAT-
THAT'S WHEN HE FIRST CAME ACROSS THAT BUSINESS ABOUT A "LAND OF GREEN AND SPLENDOR"

SO,
YOU A TRAVELING MAN?
Rattle
Rattle
Rattle
Rattle
YOU LOOK PRETTY WORN-DOWN, FRIEND. COMING BACK FROM THOSE RUINS, I TAKE IT?
...
SO HOW'D YOUR SEARCH FARE? FIND ANY OF THOSE GODS OF PROTECTION THEY CALL THE "GUARDIANS"?
AH. NO NEED FOR ALARM. I'VE BEEN ON AN EXTENDED JOURNEY, MYSELF... GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN TELL A FELLOW DRIFTER JUST BY THE LOOK IN HIS EYES.
HERE, LET ME TELL YOU A STORY...
WE'RE SO FRAGILE, THE ONLY THING KEEPING US UP ON OUR FEET IS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT A BUNCH OF SO-CALLED GUARDIANS ARE WATCHING OUT FOR US.
IT'S NOT AN EASY THING, BEING A HUMAN...
...COULDN'T RIGHTLY SAY.

IT ALMOST SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...
BUT IF THERE REALLY IS A PLACE LIKE THAT SOMEWHERE OUT THERE...
I'D LOVE TO TAKE HER THERE SOME-DAY...

scratch
Hmm
"GO WEST?" THAT'S IT? DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING MORE... I DON'T KNOW, SPECIFIC THAN THAT?

ACTUALLY, THAT'S SOME PRETTY GOOD INFORM-ATION TO GO BY
IT BEATS AIMLESSLY WANDERING THE WORLD ON FOOT, THAT'S FOR SURE

OKAY, OKAY THAT SETTLES IT
WE'RE GOIN' WEST!!
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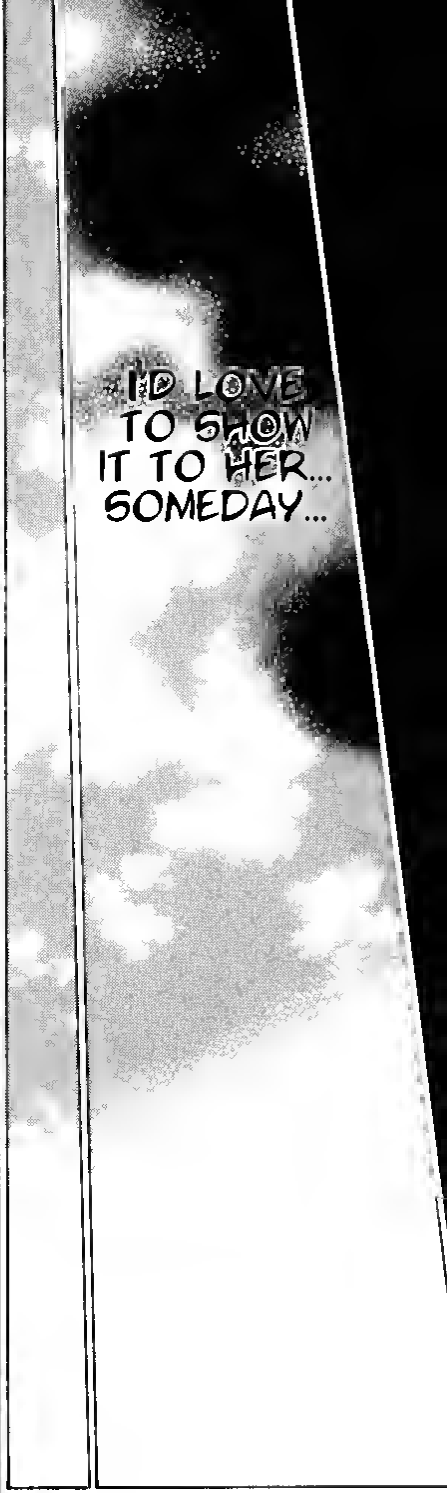
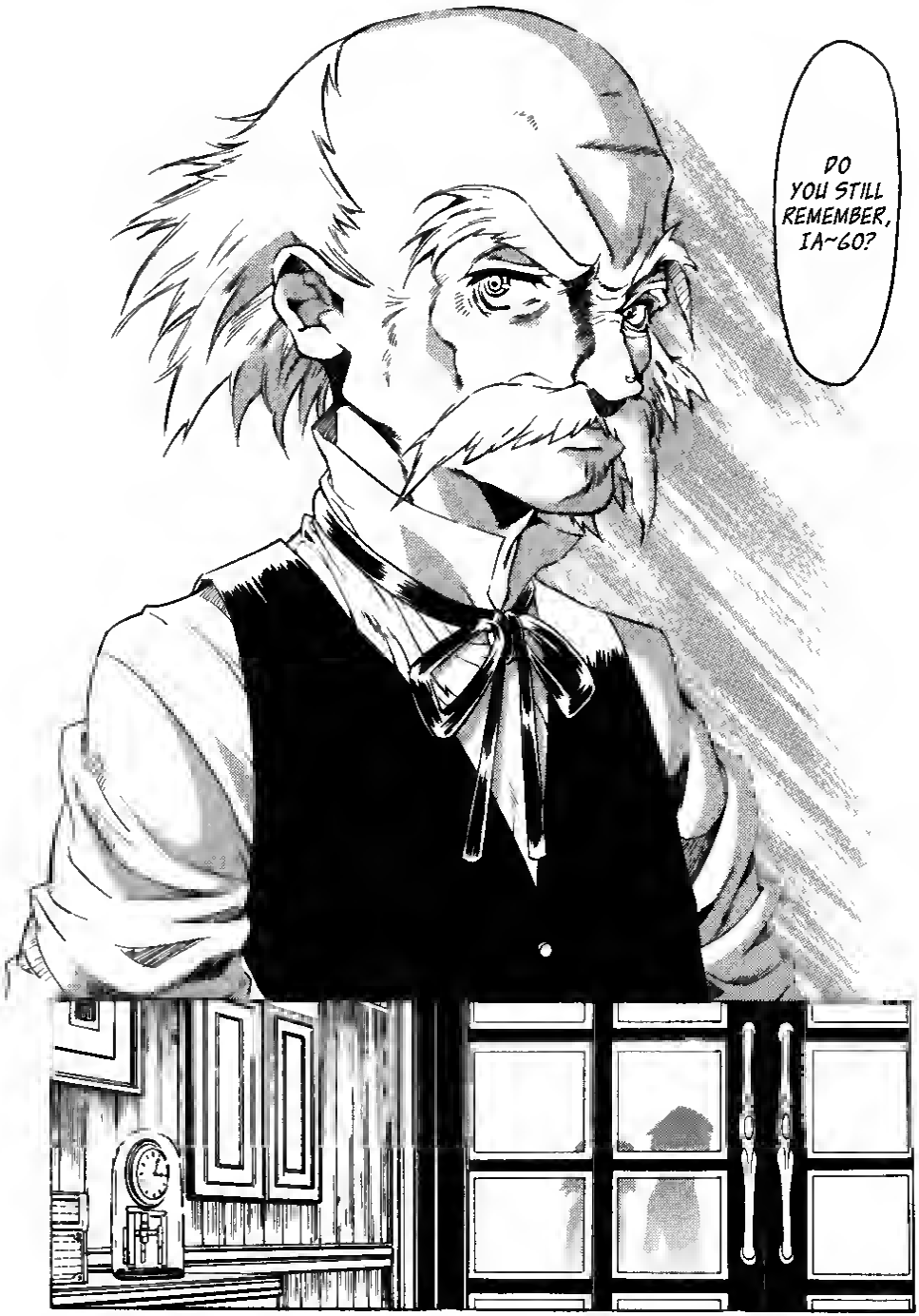
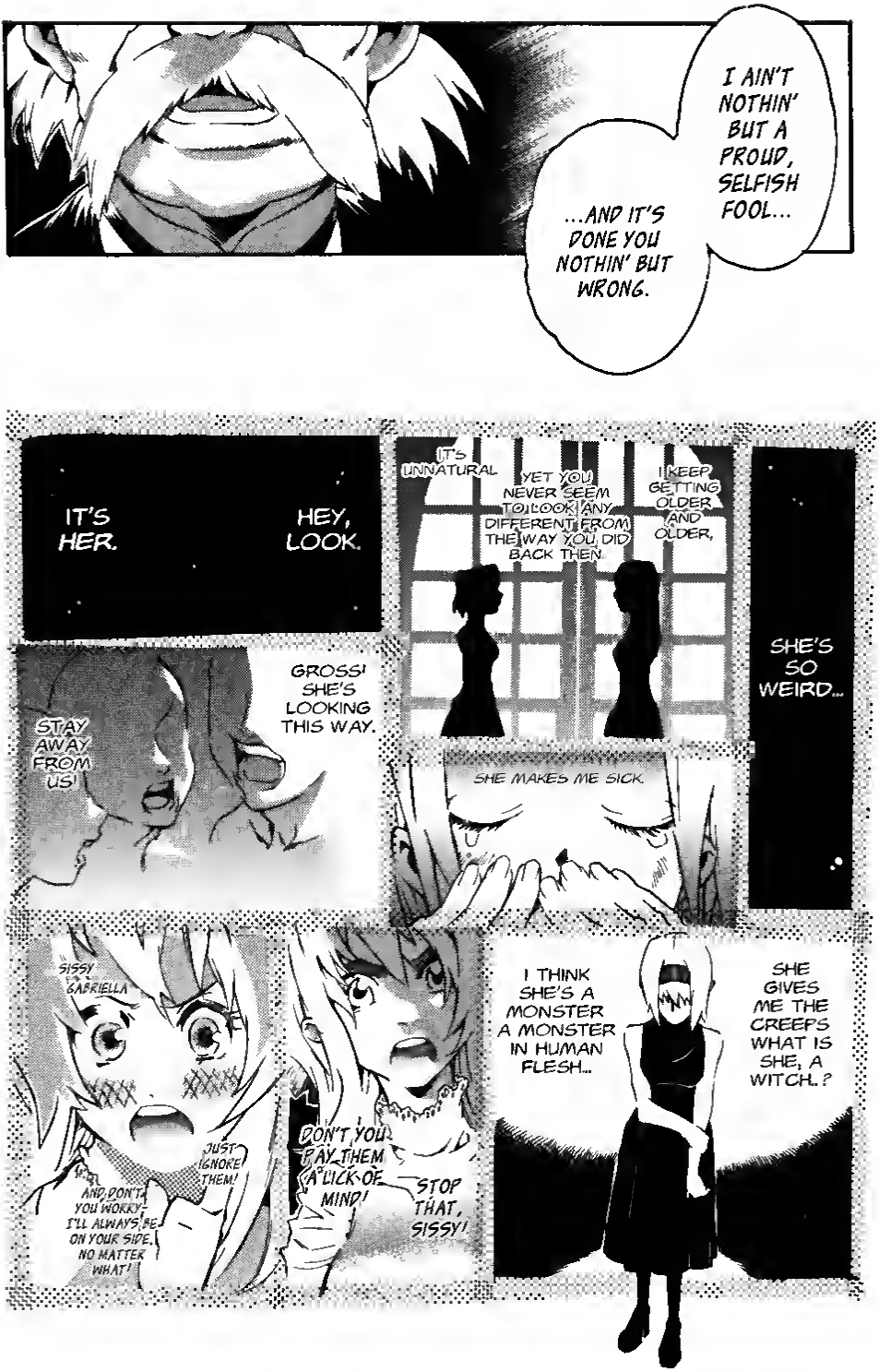

I'D LOVE TO SHOW IT TO HER... SOMEDAY...

BEFORE WE GO, COULD YOU TELL ME SOME-THING?
ABOUT THAT IAGO GUY... WHAT HAPPENED TO HI-
sniff
Um.
NONSENSE, YOU'VE BOTH BEEN A REAL HELP
THANKS FOR YOUR HOSPIT-ALITY. WE'RE REALLY IN YOUR DEBT
shh
GUUUY!!
HEY.
HOLD ON!
yank
WHAA?!
SO LONG, FOLKS!!
ALRIGHT, TIME TO HIT THE ROAD!!
Which route shall we take?
Let's see...
DRAGGG
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
shiver
shiver
QUIT DRAGGING ME AROUND! I GOT QUESTIONS TO ASK, DARN IT!
SKFF

HAVING MAXI AROUND REMINDED ME A LOT OF HOW IAGO USED TO BE, WAY BACK WHEN...
MMM IT SURE WILL BUT YOU KNOW...
...GONNA GET REAL QUIET AROUND HERE WITH THOSE TWO GONE...
...BY THE POWER OF THE GUARDIANS...
WHEN I WAS DRAGGED BACK FROM THE GATES OF THE ABYSS...
OH, DO YOU REMEMBER?
SO FIXATED ON THAT ONE THING.
BURSTING THROUGH THAT DOOR, ALL BATTERED AND BRUISED,
THAT DAY, SIXTY YEARS AGO...

AND THE LOOK ON IAGO'S FACE...


DO YOU STILL REMEMBER, IA~GO?


I AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A PROUD, SELFISH FOOL...
...AND IT'S DONE YOU NOTHIN' BUT WRONG.
IT'S HER.
HEY, LOOK.
IT'S UNNATURAL
YET YOU NEVER SEEM TO LOOK ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY YOU DID BACK THEN.
I KEEP GETTING OLDER AND OLDER,
SHE'S SO WEIRD...
GROSS! SHE'S LOOKING THIS WAY.
STAY AWAY FROM US!
SHE MAKES ME SICK.
SISSY GABRIELLA
AND DON'T YOU WORRY. I'LL ALWAYS BE ON YOUR SIDE, NO MATTER WHAT!
JUST IGNORE THEM!
DON'T YOU PAY THEM A LICK OF MIND!
STOP THAT, SISSY!
I THINK SHE'S A MONSTER A MONSTER IN HUMAN FLESH...
SHE GIVES ME THE CREEPS WHAT IS SHE, A WITCH..?

I WENT AGAINST THE HAND OF FATE, AND TIME STOPPED MOVING FOR YOU BECAUSE OF IT.
YOU SAW EVERYONE YOU KNEW AND LOVED GROW OLD AND GO ON TO HEAVEN.
LEAVIN' YOU BEHIND, ALL BY YOURSELF...
BUT STILL... EVEN AFTER ALL THAT...

HA HA!
I WANTED YOU TO LIVE...
THAT AIN'T CHANGED A BIT. I'D DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN, IF I HAD TO.
I'M NOT LETTING YOU SHARE YOUR LOVE WITH ANYONE ELSE.

we brought you some flowers.
Um-
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tmp
Hey laaady!

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WELL,
NOT EXACTLY MY IDEA OF A FAIRY TALE ENDING.
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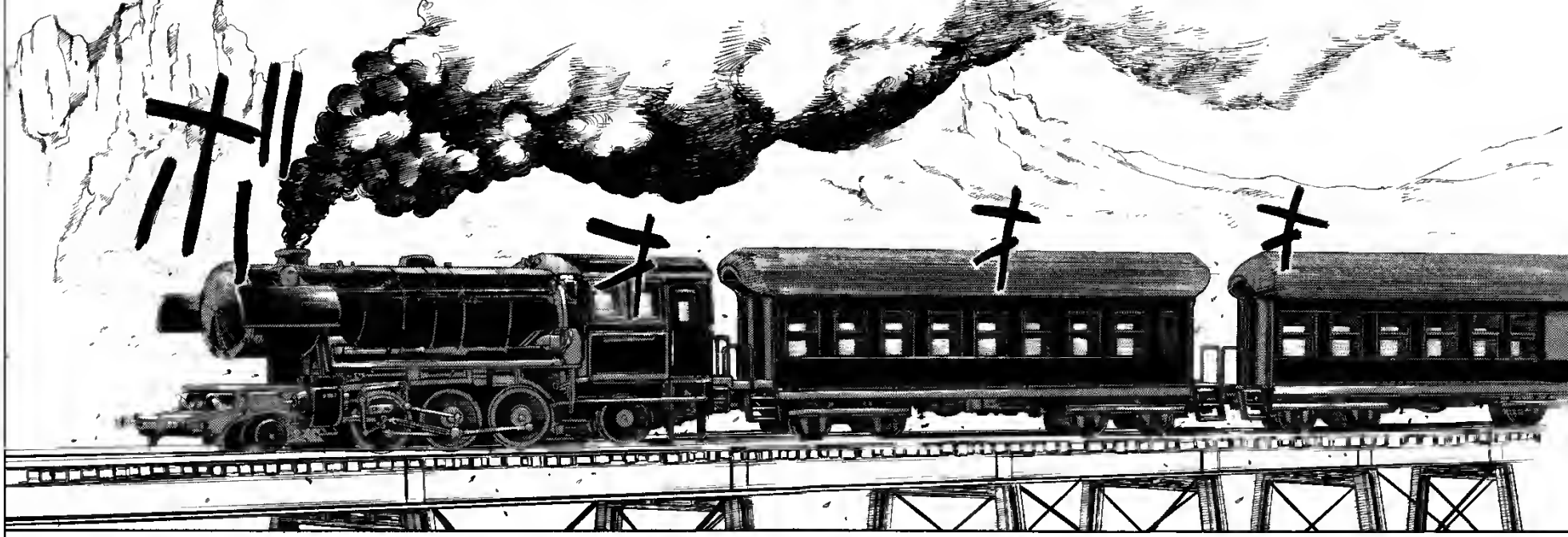
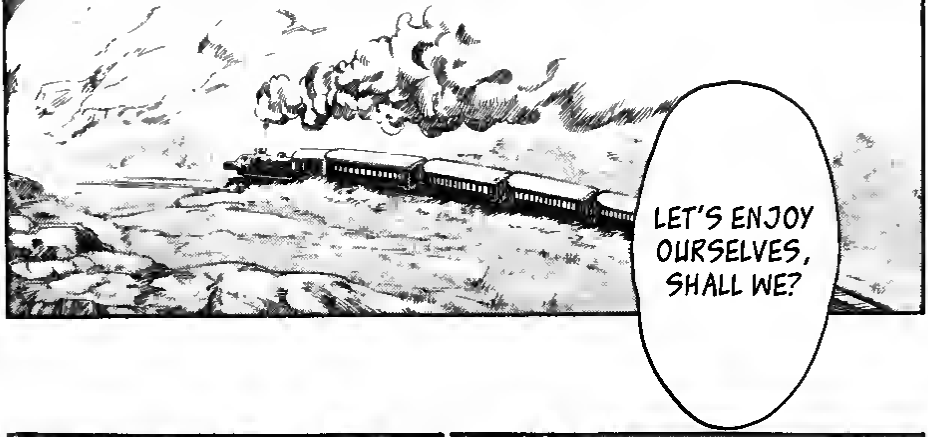


I can't help it, alright? I've never been on a train before...
OOOH, SORRY TO HEAR THAT. WE'VE GOT A LONG TRIP AHEAD OF US, AND THIS THING'LL KEEP GOING BACK AND FORTH AND BACK AND FORTH AND BACK AND-
I think I'm gonna be sick...

Guy...
AND ANYONE ELSE, FOR THAT MATTER. RIGHT?
SO LONG AS THAT MEANS SOMETHING TO THEM, THEN FAR BE IT FOR ME TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
BUT EVERYBODY'S GOT THEIR OWN IDEAS OF WHAT IT IS TO BE HAPPY...

rattle!
Whup
There we go.
UM... EXCUSE ME?
WOULD YOU MIND IF I SAT DOWN? THE OTHER CABINS ARE ALL FULL...
Ooh.
SURE.
GO RIGHT AHEAD.
Erp!
MONICA ALGREY
THANK YOU SO MUCH- YOU'RE A REAL LIFE-SAVER!
PLENTY OF ROOM IN HERE MISS...?
Yay!

ARE YOU TRAVELING ALONE, MISS?
I'M ON MY WAY TO MEET HER RIGHT NOW
HUH WOW, YOU MUST REALLY CARE ABOUT HER
YES. MY SISTER WENT OFF AND OPENED A BUSINESS OF HER OWN, SO I THOUGHT I'D GO HELP HER OUT AROUND THE SHOP
AND WHERE ARE YOU TWO HEADED?
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A "WORLD OF GREEN AND SFL-"
E- Erm?
YOWCH!
BOOT
WE'RE WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL A COUPLE OF ROMANTICS ON A SEARCH FOR DREAMS
Ha Ha Ha Ha
....??? Er... If you say so...
W- WELL,
SEEING AS THIS IS MY FIRST TRIP ALONE, I SURE AM GLAD I RAN INTO A COUPLE OF GENTLEMEN LIKE YOURSELVES
I was feeling a little lonesome, to tell the truth.
ALRIGHT! NOTHING BRIGHTENS UP A TRIP LIKE A CUTE GIRL
♡
WELL NOW THAT YOU'VE FOUND US YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
HeeHee
Hee~ She called me a gentleman
IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG TRAIN RIDE, AT ANY RATE
What a simpleton


LET'S ENJOY OURSELVES, SHALL WE?

SCOOT SCOOT
Ah... Begging your pardon!
...oops!
bump

Strange setup...
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